Cultivation of land between LoC and barbed wire

1788. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the area between the Pakistan border (LoC) and the barbed wire put up by Government is lying unutilized for cultivation at present;

(b) whether there is any proposal to help farmers to cultivate such lands; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The land area between the fence and the Line of Control is not lying unutilized for cultivation, as construction of the fence, per se, does not impose any restrictions on movement of farmers for cultivation purposes. Gates have been provided on the fence to facilitate easy movement of farmers across the fence. The security forces are providing appropriate security to the farmers and workers for cultivating their land across the fence.

Loan for cane development to Maharashtra

1789. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Maharashtra Government has forwarded proposals for sanctioning of sugar development loan for cane development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The proposals received from the Government of Maharashtra for grant of loan for cane development from the Sugar Development Fund, during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 and their present position are as indicated in the statement.